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## **Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on the bottom of page 5 and continuing onto page 6 of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

Furthermore, the optical measuring device 20 employed in the present invention is capable of rotational motion in at least one plane such that an angle to a given distance target may be measured, given a baseline "zero" angle. The angle and distance are simply the precise location of the object being measured in a polar coordinate system. Many known-in-the art optical distance measuring systems are mounted on motorized carriages that are capable of rotational motion in at least one plane, thereby facilitating the measurement of the angle to the target from a baseline angle. The optical distance measuring device 20 is equipped with a transceiver 26 capable of transmitting and receiving radio frequency signals through an antenna 27 for communication with the portable digital display device 50, as will be described in greater detail herein below. The distance measuring device is further equipped with a computer means 28 and associated memory 30 to perform the necessary distance calculations, as is well known to one of ordinary skill in the art.